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Freight traffic in July is described as follows: "Traffic was seriously disturbed by political events and by the backlog of Russian trains at the Polish border and at the Baltic Sea ports. As a result of limitation of traffic to and from the western zones the number of loaded cars received was 900 per day less than in the provious month. the previous month. The new practice of avoiding stations in the western sectors of Berlin had a very unfavorable effect. Rerouting of traffic overburdened Berlin, Greifswald, and Cottbus. The backlog of trains at the Polish border reached a high of 197 on one day. This is due not to increased loadings but to delayed acceptance of the trains by Poland. In the second half of the month increased deliveries of flour from the Russian zone to the Russian Coal deliveries to Switzerland were renewed in mid-July but stopped on 26 July when the western zones refused transit. Pit props and scrap intended for the western zones were shipped to Poland instead. Cancellation of the credit sector of Berlin began. led to a temporary cessation of lumber shipments to Denmark."

Carloadings in July totalled 428,281. Most important goods were:

Coal	187,491	Building materials	33,030
Wood Cattle Grain & flour	31,622 3,037 5,977	Part carloads and express shipments Reichsbahn eqpt. Russian shipments	21,402 19,702 16,466
Fertilizer Sugar Potatoes	20,360 1,342 8,485	Other shipments	66,116

- After 13 July shipments were rerouted to avoid western sector stations in Berlin as follows:
  - From Halle to Berlin via Falkenberg and Schöneweide.
  - From Halle to Schwerin and Greifswald via Magdeburg-Wittenberge.
  - From Magdeburg to Berlin via Wittenberge-Neustrelitz-Furstenberg-Eberswalde-Pankow.

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- d. From Magdeburg to Greifswald via Wittenberge.
- e. Halberstadt to Berlin via Falkenberg.
- 4. The report contains 13 paragraphs on construction and repair work on the right of way with no mention of the Helmstedt-Magdeburg line. Construction did however include installation of a suitable office and auxiliary equipment at the Marienborn station for the RR police.

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